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Ex parte WILLIAM J. JOHNSON
and
MICHAEL DEAN SMITH

Application 09/150,549

COMMUNICATION

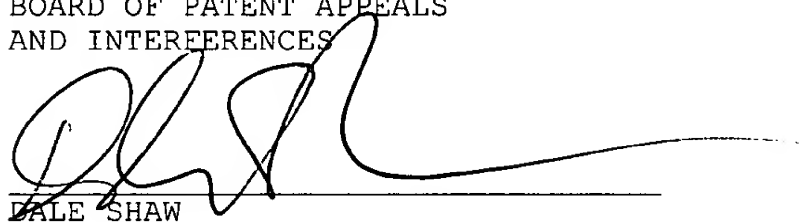
An ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER was mailed May 13, 2003 (Paper No. 27), which requested that the examiner notify appellants to submit a corrected Appendix to replace the existing defective Appendix, or for the examiner to issue a supplemental Examiner's Answer to officially correct the Appendix. On July 22 and July 30, 2003, appellants submitted corrected appendices (Paper Nos. 28 and 29). Accordingly, an

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appeal number will be issued and the case will be assigned in due course to a merits panel for consideration and decision on the written record.

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